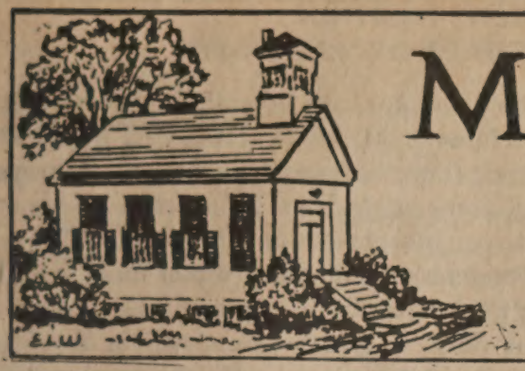

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TOWN NEWS

Newspaper Recycling Shed Ready for Papers

A surplus building from Meadowlark Camp, generously contributed by Eric and Hedy Craven to the Town, is now in place at the dump, ready to receive bundles of newspapers. Wayne Burkhart, chairman of the Monterey Solid Waste Committee, expressed gratitude for the shed, saying that it needed very little repair and its construction (bolted together) made for easy dismantling and moving. Repairs and reconstruction were accomplished by members of Wayne's committee, especially Bob Thieriot, who worked several hours, and a Gould Farm work crew. Gould Farm donated roofing and repair materials.

Newspapers are to be brought in 6", 10" or 12" bundles, tied with string. No slick magazines can be accepted, but any flyers which accompany newspapers are acceptable. The Sheffield Boy Scouts will pick up the bundles for recycling.

Affordable Housing Committee Applies for Grant

The Affordable Housing Committee headed by Leslie Scutellaro has applied for an Advance Grant of $5,000 from the Executive Office of Communities and Development to do a preliminary engineering site study on the 10.7 acres owned by the Town behind the land of the present firehouse. The study will determine septic and water supply feasibility, and the conclusions in the resulting report will help the committee decide whether to present its proposed project to voters at next spring's Town Meeting. The project as now envisioned includes four units of elderly housing, four units of family housing, and a Town Hall.

Tips from the Monterey Landowners Association for Residents during Shotgun Deer Season

Shotgun Deer Season this year runs from November 30 to December 9, not including Sunday. Primitive Firearm Season goes from December 21 to 23. The Natural Resource Officer assigned to respond to calls from Monterey is Roger Arduini (pronounced "Ar-doo-EENY"). Officer Craig Scott in Great Barrington will back up Arduini, and Monterey residents are advised to call the Great Barrington dispatch number (528-0306) to report violations. Officer Scott will relay the call to Arduini and will respond himself, if necessary. If there is a problem getting through to the dispatch number, try the toll-free number for violations in Berkshire County. It is 800-632-8075. (Craig Scott says he remembers the number by thinking: NEAT-075.) Dispatchers at the 800 number will radio a message to Arduini, but signals aren't getting across the mountains very well, according to Scott, so the Great Barrington number is the best bet. Remember also that local and state police can enforce simple trespass laws. Monterey police can be reached at 528-3211. State police in Lee can be reached at 243-0600.

The annual Abstracts of the Fish & Wildlife Laws are very helpful in delineating what is legal and what is not in hunting practices. Copies may be obtained from the Monterey Town Clerk during her office hours, Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It is firmly stated in the Abstracts that "A hunting, fishing

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CHURCH CALENDAR

N. B.: The December Calendar is different from most months because of shifting schedules and plans. Please look carefully.

SUNDAYS

December 6

Communion Sunday. Second Sunday in Advent. There will be no 9:30 pre-worship Focus on Church Life. Worship begins at 10:30.

There will be a special meeting with the pastor and Robert W. Johnson, Interim Western Area Minister of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 1-6 and is specifically for those who have been part of the worshipping community during Robert Palin's pastorate in Monterey. Rev. Johnson will talk about the results of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator of those who filled it out in preparation for the meeting.

December 13

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

December 20

Worship at 10:30 a.m. There will also be a **Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols** at the church at 7:30 p.m. on December 20.

December 27

Worship at 10:30 a.m. This will be a special service of closure for the pastorate of Robert Palin. This will be his last service as pastor of the Monterey United Church of Christ.

Parish Council meets on December 7, the first Monday, at 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage.

Monthly Prayer Breakfast will be Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 a.m. at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen.

The Deacons will meet on Friday, December 11, at 8:00 a.m. at the home of Mary Ward.

Priscilla Gulliver is organizing this year's Christmas Carolling, which will be on Friday, December 18. Anyone interested in singing please contact her: 528-2076.

The Church's Mission Committee is sponsoring a family through the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Annual Christmas Sharing Program. If you want to help out, please contact Mary Ward, 528-9243.

PASTOR RESIGNS POSITION EFFECTIVE END OF DECEMBER 1987

As I prepare to leave Monterey for an Interim Pastorate, I want to thank all those in the church and the community who have expressed their concerns for peace and good will through participation in Community Dinners, various missions projects such as writing to congresspersons on supporting WIC (Food Supplemental Program), withholding further funding of the contras, mailing a large quantity of primers on nonviolence to English-speaking clergy in South Africa, helping a refugee family resettle in South County from Czechoslovakia. With the wealth of intelligence, talents, and experience of all kinds that permeates Monterey, I hope that common moral and spiritual concerns will yield compassion for each individual and courage for conflicts that confront us collectively. Adjectives applied to the spirit of Monterey—healing, peace-loving, creative—are well worth all the time and care you can give to make them truthful descriptions of this beautiful town. May God's spirit among you transform what is not holy and confirm what is.

— Robert Palin

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange No. 291 met October 21 for a regular meeting. The Grange recently won third prize for its exhibit at the Barrington Fair. Florence Brown was in charge of the Conservation Program and Lecturer Mary Wallace is representing the Grange at the 115th Annual Session at Chicopee, Massachusetts.

On November 4 the Grange met for "Fun Night for the Young at Heart." Deputy Peter Martin was there to present state awards. The first went to Master Tolitha Butler for outstanding Pomona Lady Assistant Steward in the State. A first prize for conservation and agricultural exhibits at the post office went to Sisters Florence Brown and Eleanor Kimberley. A number of prizes for photography went to Sister Eleanor Kimberley.

Members from twelve granges in the area, including Deputy Gerald Celley, were present and enjoyed a variety of programs including accordion selections by Norwood Ringer from the Mellenville, NY, Grange. Officers for the Fun Night filled the chairs, with Edna Riiska as Acting Master.

The Grange was invited to Umpachene Grange on November 10. The next meeting was announced for November 18.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

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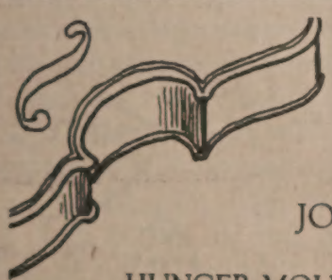

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or trapping license is not a permit to trespass on private land, posted or not." Other particularly relevant regulations include the following:

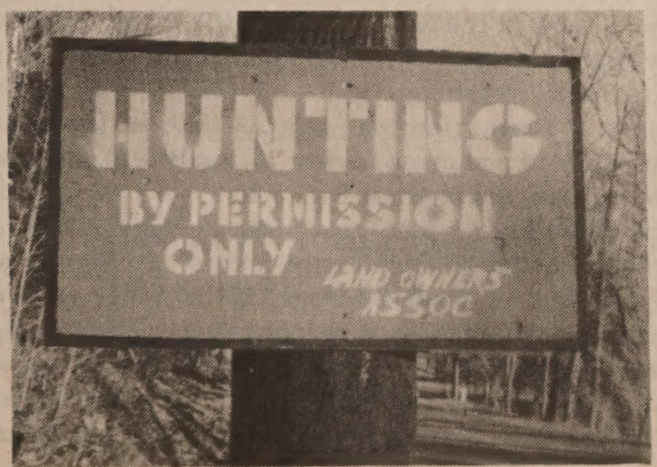
1. Deer hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner on chest, back and head a minimum of 500 square inches of "hunter orange" clothing or material.
2. Hunting license must be worn in a visible manner and must be shown on demand to any enforcement officer, landowner or lessee.
3. Discharge of any firearm or release of any arrow upon or across any state or hard-surfaced highway, or within 150 feet of any such highway, is prohibited.
4. Possession of a loaded firearm, discharge of a firearm or hunting on the land of another within 500 feet of any dwelling in use, except as authorized by the owner or occupant, is prohibited.

A few other trespass laws out of Mass. General Law, Ch. 266, which will be of interest to landowners are these:

1. The willful, malicious or wanton destruction or injury to another's fences, trees, glass in a building or produce shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment for not more than six months.
2. Whoever, without right, enters upon the private land of another, whether or not such land be posted against trespass, and in so entering makes use of or has in his immediate possession or control any vehicle, machine, or device which includes an internal combustion engine or other source of mechanical power, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $250.
3. Anyone caught tearing down or defacing a notice warning persons not to trespass can be fined $25.

Monterey has had relatively peaceful deer seasons in the last two years. Landowners have become more aware of their rights and their recourse in the event of violations; hunters have been more respectful and law abiding. The Monterey Landowners Association hopes to encourage this trend with its policy of allowing hunting on private lands only with written permission from the landowner. The Association's bright orange signs will be posted at all roadways leading into Monterey during hunting season. MLA "No Trespassing" signs are for sale in the Monterey General Store. More information may be obtained by writing to MLA, Box 95, Monterey 01245, or by calling 528-3745.

— Ellen K. Pearson



BEARTOWN FOREST

Monterey's Swann State Forest

One of Monterey's largest natural resources is the 10,849-acre Beartown State Forest, much of which lies within our town boundaries. The nucleus of this staggering acreage was Swann State Forest, which was once "Highland Farm" on what is now Brett Road. Two boys, Arthur and John Swann, from Stockbridge, came over in the late 1800s for the hunting on Beartown Mountain and stopped to ask Spencer Jones if they could try their luck on his property. He invited them in for some cider, as was the hospitable custom in those days, and the boys were frequent visitors thereafter. Their mother, Mrs. Lelia Swann, a grand lady of Stockbridge, New Jersey and New York, bought the property and hired a foreman and several farm workers to keep it going as an active farm. There were pigs, 60 head of cattle and 300 sheep on such fields as The Narrow Meadow, Long Meadow, and Dick's Meadow.

Mrs. Swann made the farmhouse into an elegant summer "cottage" and would arrive in her carriage for the summer season with maids and a cook. She built a farmhouse for the foreman and several barns and other outbuildings. It was said that the stables in her horse barn would do for bedrooms in any ordinary house. By 1914, Arthur was a young physician, practicing in New York, and was owner of the farm. He died that year at the age of thirty-four, and his widow, Susan R. S. Swann, presented the property to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There is a plaque at the Beartown Forest headquarters with the following inscription:

The Arthur Warton Swann State Forest
This State Forest and Sanctuary
is dedicated to the memory of
Arthur Warton Swann
a young physician who practised medicine in New York City and died there on May 28th, 1914, at the age of thirty-four. His early years were largely spent among these hills, discovering many of the secrets of nature and sharing with its humbler creatures the beauty and wonder of the changing seasons of the year.

In 1918 the Forest Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts received this land in a deed of gift from his widow to keep in perpetuity for the people of the State:
Forest Land: For the study and conservation of trees
A Permanent Sanctuary: For the wild life that inhabit this mountain.

The Forest Service has fulfilled its charge from the Swann family. The first resident supervisor was Robert Parmenter, who organized a salvage program after the great chestnut blight that swept the country in the 1920s. One and a half million feet of chestnut saw-logs, poles and railroad ties were cut from the dead and dying trees in 1919 and 1920 and loaded onto railroad cars in Great Barrington.

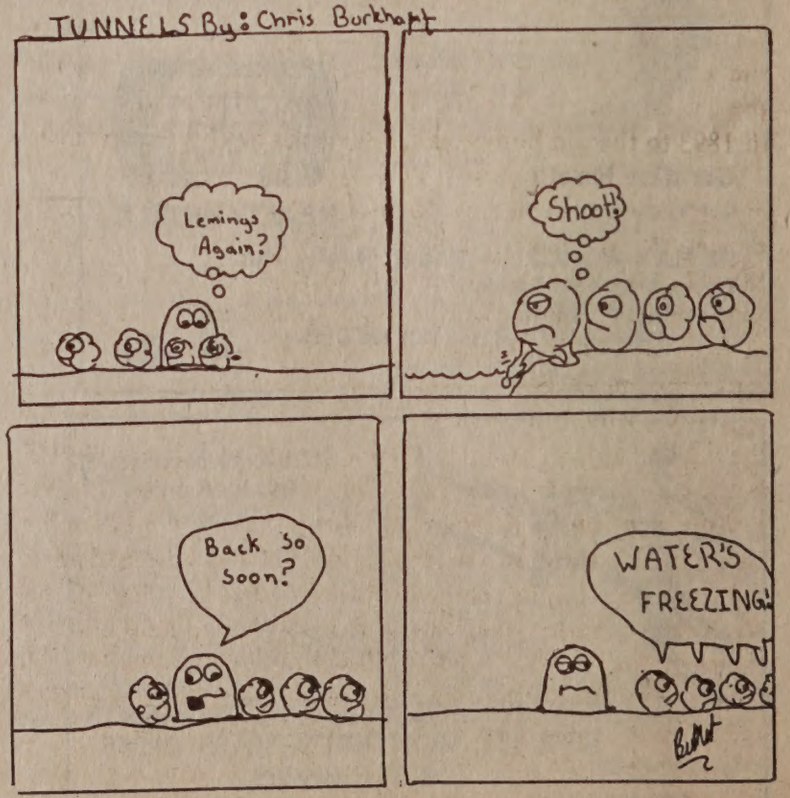
Earle Stafford, a landscape architect, became the next supervisor and organized an experimental tree planting program during his residency from 1923 to 1942. Some two hundred acres of abandoned meadows were planted with forty-seven different species of trees from America, Europe and Asia. Careful records were kept to monitor how they prospered in the Berkshire climate and the results of planting in different seasons and in different patterns of setting out the seedlings.

In 1933 a Civilian Conservation Corps camp was established in the north-central portion of the Forest. Roads, dams, bridges and buildings were built by the men thrown out of work by the Depression, and much of their work was the experimental planting under Mr. Stafford. It is certain that many of these men came to appreciate the "beauty and wonder of the changing seasons of the year" in Swann Forest. The Stafford family also felt the spell of Swann Forest. In 1964 they donated 80 acres of their farm, "Rocky Hill," to the Commonwealth as an addition to the Forest, and they still frequently visit the Forest and the small remaining acreage which they retain. Evalyn Stafford has written a 450-page book (never published), *Heaven Lies About Us*, arising from her feelings for Swann Forest and the privilege of being able to grow up there.

From 1949 to 1960 the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp schooled about 150 boys a year at Swann Forest in forest and stream management, woodsmanship, riflery, archery, fishing, swimming and water safety. Many of these boys were sponsored by sporting clubs, garden clubs and schools. Since 1976 the Youth Enrichment Service has operated a camp at Swann Lodge, the old farm manager's house. Using the resources of the Forest and the surrounding region, they have provided inner city children from the Boston area with summer and winter recreational and character-building opportunities. They have also organized touring and bicycling Elderhostel groups, using Swann Lodge as a staging point.

The Swann Forest has fulfilled the intentions of its donors through several generations and in a variety of ways perhaps not anticipated by the Swann family but consistent with the ideals expressed in their deed of gift.

— David P. McAllester



JENNIE DOWD ROGERS

(excerpted from an account by Helmi K. Oswald in The Berkshire Courier, *August, 1943)*

Jennie Dowd was born on August 28, 1861, in Monterey, the daughter of Eunice Fairfield and Hylon Dowd. She was born in a house built by her father and occupied at present by Mr. Scherrer. Her grandfather owned a considerable amount of land around Brewer's Pond, as the Lake Garfield was then called. He built Stepping Stones, which now belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Langer of Fernway Camp. Mrs. Rogers tells the story of Cornelius Dowd, who came to the Berkshires in 1730 and who bought 600 acres of land from the Indians for six felt hats! The Dowd family spread all over the county until there were at one time over 30 families by that name living around Monterey.

Jennie Dowd was a clever young girl. At the age of 15, or in 1876, she taught at the Mount Hunger School. She had passed an examination for teachers and came out second best. Her pay at this school was three dollars per week, out of which amount she had to pay one dollar and a half for four days rent to a Mrs. Pomeroy, who lived in the house which Mrs. Rogers now occupies. After teaching one term in this school, she went back to a select school run by Elihu Harmon in Monterey village. This school was like a seminar for teachers. The pupils had to furnish their own desk and chair besides paying tuition and furnishing their own books.

After attending the select school, Mrs. Rogers taught one and a half years at the Old Center School in Monterey. In 1879 she came back to her little schoolhouse on Mount Hunger Road for another term. This time she boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Bunce, who lived on Hupi Road. The young teacher had to walk the distance through fields and meadows past a small graveyard where reposed the early settlers of Dowd and Thompson families. She still recalls many a stormy night when she walked through the slush from school back to her boarding house. Once in a heavy snowstorm even the horses could not pull the sleigh through the high drifts.

At the age of 18, Jennie Dowd taught a large school in North Blandford. Many of her students were even older than she was. In 1882 she married Henry Rogers, who lived up at the Twing place on Mount Hunger Road. The family moved in 1893 to the old homestead, where she has lived ever since. Those were busy days for the Rogers family. At times they had 15 cows, four horses, 50 sheep, some chicken and pigs. During the summer months two hired men were kept busy. Mrs. Rogers attended to her own work and raised a family of four children. But her work was not limited only to the needs of her own family. Quite frequently she was called out on errands of mercy.

Many a winter night sleigh-bells could be heard coming up the hill and a sleigh stopped outside her house. She was needed in the care of some sick person. One bitter cold night in January she went with a Russian man down the slippery hill in his sleigh to help the man's wife in childbirth. The wind had piled the snow deep on the road and the man drove his horse off the road, capsizing his sleigh. Mrs. Rogers tried to help him get the sleigh back to the road, but had to leave him there on the road and ran down the hill to his house. There the woman was moaning in semi-darkness. The place looked utterly poverty-stricken. There were no scissors, no thread, not a thing to put on the new-born infant, a lusty boy. Mrs. Rogers had to wrap the child in a blanket and trust that all went well with the mother. It was morning when she returned to her home and began her day's work without rest. However, the next Thanksgiving her Russian again appeared on the scene. This time he was bringing a nice fat turkey. He had not forgotten the kind deed. Many years later the young man whom she had helped bring into this world came to Mrs. Rogers to get aid in obtaining a birth certificate which he needed for obtaining work in a factory.

Thus Mrs. Rogers spent much of her time in helping her neighbors. She lived all year round in her mountain home until the death of her husband in 1933. After that she has spent her winters in Windsor, Connecticut, with her daughter, Mrs. Roland Tiffany. But she loves her old home and returns there for the summers. On bright sunny days one can see her sitting in front of the house working on her beautiful braided rugs.

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PERSONAL NOTES

Judy and **Arnie Hayes** of Tyringham Road have returned from a two-week trip to England, where they attended a Bidwell family reunion. Although the Bidwell Family Association holds a reunion every year, this was the first to be held in England, where the Bidwells originated. More than half of the 160 attending were from the U. S. Following the two-day reunion Judy and Arnie had the pleasure of touring the British countryside and London. Sounds terrific! The next British reunion is already in the planning stages, to be held five years from now!

Arthur and **Alice Somers** of Tyringham Road also attended a reunion. Arthur's World War II Marine Corps Dive Bombing Squadron, VMSB-243, met at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina. The squadron, labeled the "Flying Goldbricks," operated in the Solomon Islands from 1942 through 1944, concentrating on Bougainville and Rabaul. Thirteen of the original 38 pilots were in attendance, and Arthur reports it was a great thrill to meet again after 45 years and swap tales of the South Pacific. They left with the expressed hope of reuniting again in two years, perhaps at the squadron's birthplace, Santa Barbara, California.

Welcome back also to **Nancy Kalodner** of Beartown Road, who recently returned from a nine-day theatre tour visit to London with the Trinity Repertory Company of Providence. Nancy attended six plays, three music concerts and several lectures. Sounds like a whirlwind tour! If it's Thursday, this must be *Phantom of the Opera*, right?

Welles and **Kay Sellew** recently returned from a weekend visit with good friends Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wheeler in Easthampton, Long Island, tired and sore from laughter!

Hearty congratulations to these Monterey students named to the Mt. Everett Regional High School honor roll for the first quarter. They are, in Grade 12, high honors: **Janet Thieriot**, and honors: **Christopher Makuc**; Grade 11, high honors: **Shelby Loder**; Grade 10, high honors: **Natasha Grotz** and **Anne Makuc**, and honors: **Patrick McBride**; and Grade 9, high honors: **Brooke Loder** and **William Thieriot**.

Hats off also to those named to the Middle School Honor Roll: Grade 8, high honors: **Olivia Williams**; and Grade 7, high honors: **Marta Makuc**, and honors: **Christopher Burkhart** and **Michael Ohman**. Keep up the good work, all of you! It's great to see so many Monterey names on the list!

Congratulations to **Keith Quisenberry**, who was recently hired as a pilot for U. S. Air. Keith is now living in Albany, NY, and has been a part-time resident of Lake Garfield since the age of two.

Congratulations to **Karen Hayes**, who has been named a Presidential Scholar at Bridgewater State College, where she is a senior. Karen has also been received as a member in the Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology. She is the daughter of **Arnold** and **Judith Hayes** of Tyringham Road. A 1984 graduate of Mt. Everett, she is majoring in industrial personnel psychology. Good work, Karen!

And congratulations to **Richard Westenburg** and **Judith Malafronte** of Lake Garfield on the birth of their son, **Mario William Westenburg**. Mario was born on November 4 in Stamford, CT, weighing in at 9 lbs. 6 oz. How exciting!

Kudos to **Natasha Grotz** for selection for and participation in the third annual Western Mass. Academic Decathlon held at Pittsfield High School in October.

And hearty congratulations to **Michelle Grotz**, who made the swim team at Mt. Holyoke College, and, even through all the pain and work, is very, very excited. Michelle is a freshman at Mt. Holyoke. Best of luck, Mitch!

Many, many birthday wishes to **Claire Mielke** on October 24, to **Debbie Mielke** on October 27, to **Mark Mendel** (a big one!) on October 28, to **Patrick McBride** on November 1, to **Sudi Baker** on November 2, to **Edward Brosseau**, 84 years young on November 5, to **Edith Wilson** on November 10, to **Don Clawson** on November 17, to **Jennie Brown** and **Gale Forbes** on November 25, and to **Stefan Grotz** on December 1.

Thanks so much for your news items, birthday announcements, etc. Please jot down any little news you have and drop it at the General Store or in the mail to me. Or give me a call, 528-4519, evenings. I appreciate it.

Here's hoping you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with lots to give thanks for.

— Stephanie Grotz

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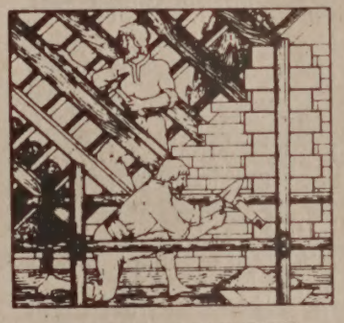

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The Water Drum

One of the most unusual and interesting of Eastern Woodlands musical instruments is the water drum. Most drums, everywhere in the world, consist basically of a resonant space under a dry membrane made of untanned skin or other animal tissue. This material is soft and elastic when wet and shrinks tight and rigid when fastened over the body of a drum and allowed to dry.

However, the water drum is made of a kettle or other container with a solid bottom in which several inches of water are kept in order to keep the membrane wet. And the membrane itself is often of *tanned* leather which tightens as it takes up moisture. In the Woodlands the water drum body is usually a small barrel or firkin that tapers in slightly from bottom to top. A hoop holds the drumhead in place and tightens as it is driven downward on the barrel. There is often a small hole in the side of the drum above the water line, by which water can be added without removing the drumhead. When the drum is in use the hole is kept closed with a wooden plug.

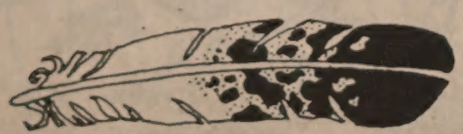
Most Native American drums have a padded drumstick to avoid a metallic sound when the dry, hard membrane is struck, but water drums need a hard drumstick, since the drumhead is moist and comparatively soft, even though stretched very tight.

The Iroquois water drum is usually only six or seven inches tall and about the same in diameter, but I have seen examples as much as ten inches tall and a foot across. The Medicine Dance drum of the Great Lakes region is considerably larger and is supported on an elaborate stand of curved and decorated staves. The water drum of the Peyote ceremony is used pantribally and is made of a small iron kettle, though lighter ones of aluminum have been made specifically for use in the meetings of the Native American Church. The Navajo water drum is used only in the Enemyway ceremony and is made on a small ceramic pot; the Apache drum is made on a large iron kettle as much as two feet across and is played in unison by several drummers at once.

All except the Navajo instruments have a penetrating sound, from the deep booming of the Apache kettle to the high pulsations of the Iroquois drum. It may be that the moving water inside the drum, constantly changing the shape of the resonating chamber, adds a special vibrancy to these unusual instruments. As with all Native American percussion instruments, they are used to accompany the voice.

In the Eastern Woodlands there is a scarcity of historical information on the early use of drums east of the Iroquois. Several sources mention percussion sticks, with the distal ends split, accompanying singing. Today, of course, a large variety of drums are used by Native people in New England and Canada. It seems very likely that both water drums and dry-membrane drums were also well known in pre-colonial times.

— David P. McAllester



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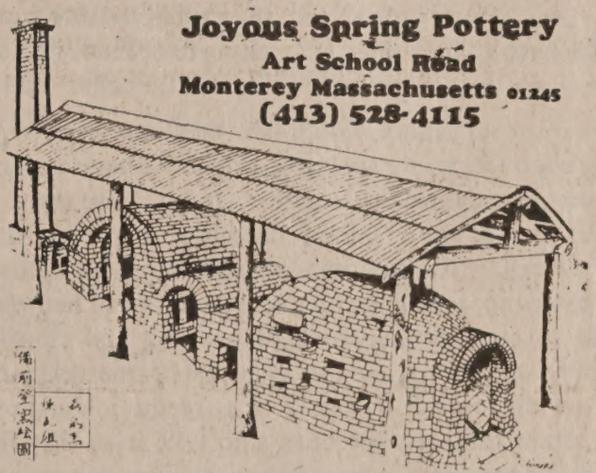

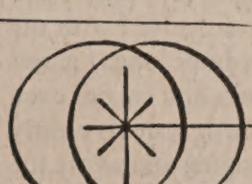

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In late September we cleaned up the birdfeeder and bought a bag of seeds. For the next several weeks our most frequent visitors there were *Tamias striatus*, the eastern chipmunks, and they could clean us out of black oil sunflower seeds by noon, no matter how generous we'd been. It made a good show at breakfast time, the steady comings and goings of our chipmunk population, and we didn't begrudge them the large quantities of seeds they pirated away in their stuffed, lumpy cheekpouches. We knew that they, like the rest of us in our various ways, were getting ready for winter, and that soon their visits would stop since they would be underground for the winter.

Chipmunks are one of the few species of North American mammals which are true hibernators. They don't just doze off for the winter but actually go through some significant metabolic changes which slow down their consumption of food, water, and oxygen. They enter a sort of torpor, and they are not easily awakened. But if the temperature outside should warm up in mid-winter, the chipmunks will come out of their deep sleep a little, enough to move around a bit, and then they will be glad to snack on stored food, our sunflower seeds. When they sink back into hibernation again, they will be well fortified for another period of several weeks without eating.

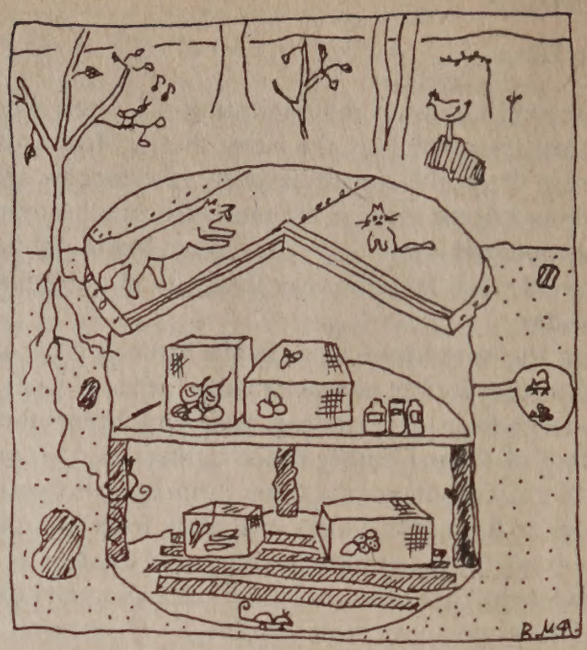
We have been storing food, too, and walking down our cellar stairs I am always surprised and pleased by the sight and smell of crates of vegetables and fruit. Usually we keep most of these crops in our root cellar, but this year it underwent some repairs and is only just now ready to receive carrots, beets, and potatoes. The winter squash and onions will stay in the house cellar, which is drier, and the cabbages hang from the wall. We have apples crated up, waiting to be made into sauce, and these are the real perfume makers in the cellar right now.

With our root cellars, woodpiles, shelves of canned goods and the chest freezer we are big hoarders. We have been salting away the goods since late summer, and now we get to gloat over our savings like a bunch of drooling misers every time we go to the cellar. At mealtimes we serve it up and gloat and drool some more, feeling smug like the little red hen who did all that lovely virtuous work of planting and cultivating, harvesting and baking, and then got to eat her marvelous bread.

Meanwhile, outside our window, gorgeous in the snow, are the constant foragers, the ones who take it as they find it. Instead of developing storage habits, digging root cellars and harvesting in season, these creatures have evolved with the ability to keep on finding more food all winter long. I'm not saying they are smarter than the chipmunks and us, nor even that one system is better than another. Both systems clearly work quite well, as the chipmunks are thriving and so are the grosbeaks, eating the same sunflower seeds to keep their inner fires burning, but having such different approaches to winter survival.

What I feel is a little bit of envy for the nomads, the migrators, the foragers. I wouldn't dare to try it the way they do; I would be a nervous wreck without my loot, my potatoes, my health insurance, and my savings account. I wish I could, though. I wish I could sit on a snowy sumac branch in the winter, in nothing but my feathers, gleaming in the sun and in my unconscious confidence and innate ability to find another meal.

— Bonner J. McAllester



BENEATH A STAR

A candlelit window, the snow drifted deep,
It all makes me think of the Christ Child asleep,
Of soft little sounds, and a mother's hushed heart,
The infinite joy in their world set apart.

Through Bethlehem's message, that same ancient lay,
My own life grows smoother, and often I say
That God leads my feet, they are blessed as they sink
So silent and sure in the snow of the street.

Today's joys seem meager, contentment seems far
All down the bleak years—yet Bethlehem's star
Shines just as it did, and I find on my way
A comfort so deep that my feet never stray,
And my heart is led, too, as I stand in the night
Saying prayers for the world beneath your pure light.

— Sue Moody

INDIAN SUMMER

Wine-drop days of gold,
Dance of whirling leaf—
Time too brief, too sweet;
As the year grows old.

— Dorothy Law

"Go back to bed- NOW!"

AUTUMN

Reluctantly but readily
Petals fall from a flower
Onto the barren ground
They once had avoided,
Like sighs from one distraught
By an early blooming
And its ephemeral afterglow;

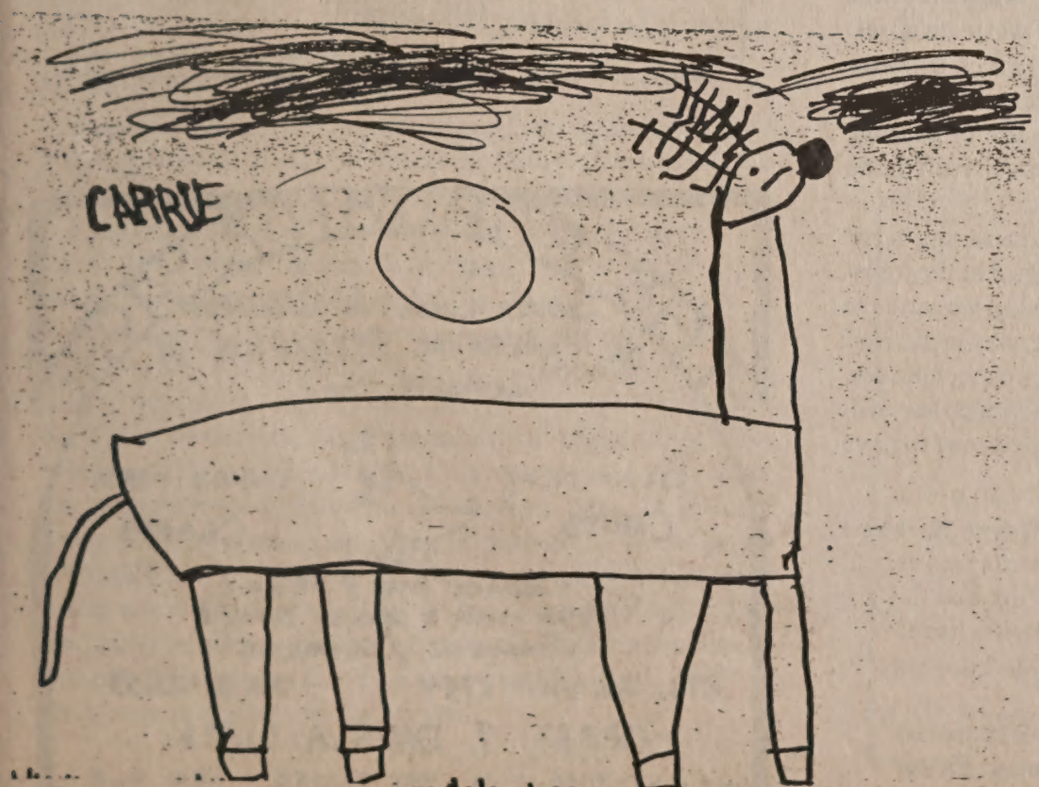
Withering sentiments fall rootlessly aside
And the wind takes the rest away.

— Matthew J. Reynolds

WINTER

Limbs branching crooked
Comb the snow
Passing down.
White blanket
On the cold cold ground.

— Peter Murkett



Reindeer, by Carrie Burke

MONTEREY WASTELINES

Seventy-Five Grand? That's a Can of Garbage!

I was down at the Town offices the other day to buy a $10 sticker for our new truck, so Bob Hadsell wouldn't turn us away when we bring the garbage to the transfer station. I thought it was a good time to check on how the Town solid waste finances stand for the year thus far.

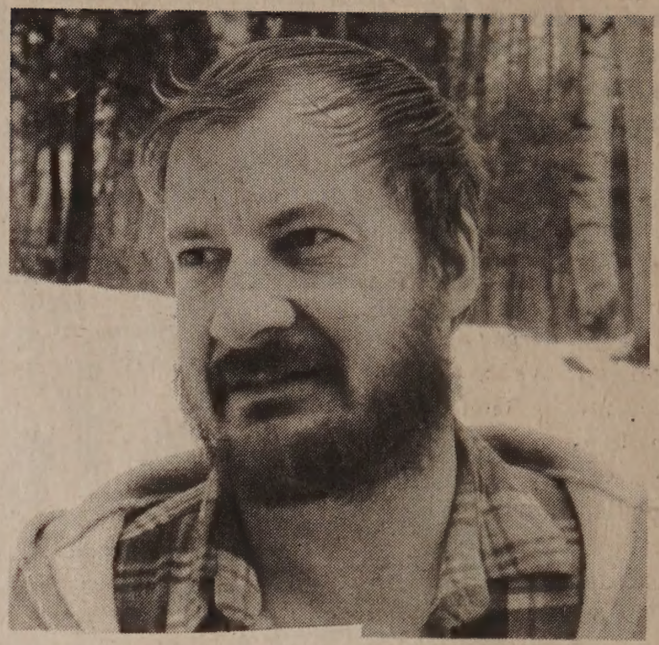
The accountant wasn't in, but Maryellen had some close guesstimates on the top of her head, and I like guesstimates best anyway—they don't sound so compulsive and final. I understood that the Town set aside $75,000 ("I say THOUsand") to handle all the big, new solid waste charges for this fiscal year (July '87 through June '88, remember?) The Town fathers—and mothers—found 50 grand somewhere in budgetable tax money, then realized even *that* wouldn't be enough. Okay, back to the drawing boards. Hmmm, where to get more money? Well, we could set up a user charge .... Yes, everyone took that for granted—that would help somewhat, but Nick Wool reminded folks that sticker money would only raise a bit of money for the *next* fiscal year. To make a long story short, they added $25,000 of Ronald Reagan's money (Federal Revenue Sharing—which program, if I remember right, is about to expire after a run of some 15 years. Our township paved a couple of roads with it when I was on the board in upstate Michigan, but it was Nixon's money back then.).

Now, lest I digress, we wanted to see how our Town is spending the seventy-five grand to bury our ketchup bottles and pork-n-bean cans this year. Okay, so we're spending $2,200 per month on Bob Hadsell and Bernie Leger. That's according to our contract with Bernie's Berkshire Cleanway. Now, the big part of the budget, over which we have less control, is the money we pay to the bulldozers in Chicopee or Granby. That, friends, has been running about $3,400 per month, so far. Remember, it all depends on how much stuff *we* throw in the garbage can.

So, let's add it all up. At the present rate, Monterey will spend $67,200 during this fiscal year for solid waste disposal. That's within our big, new budget of $75,000 (which includes Reagan's money, remember). But if those bulldozers in Chicopee get hungry and demand 90 dollars for every ton of garbage they cover up, or if we get lazy and throw too much stuff in the garbage can, we could still bust the budget.

Let's look at it the other way. If everyone starts saving his or her newspapers and bringing them to the new shed at the transfer station (see the story in this issue of the *News*), we can save some money. If you compost your kitchen-type wastes, and observe other time-honored solid-waste-saving techniques, we might stay within the budget. Maybe the Town fathers will even have enough of Ronald Reagan's money left over to pave your street—or to build a monument.

— Wayne Burkhart



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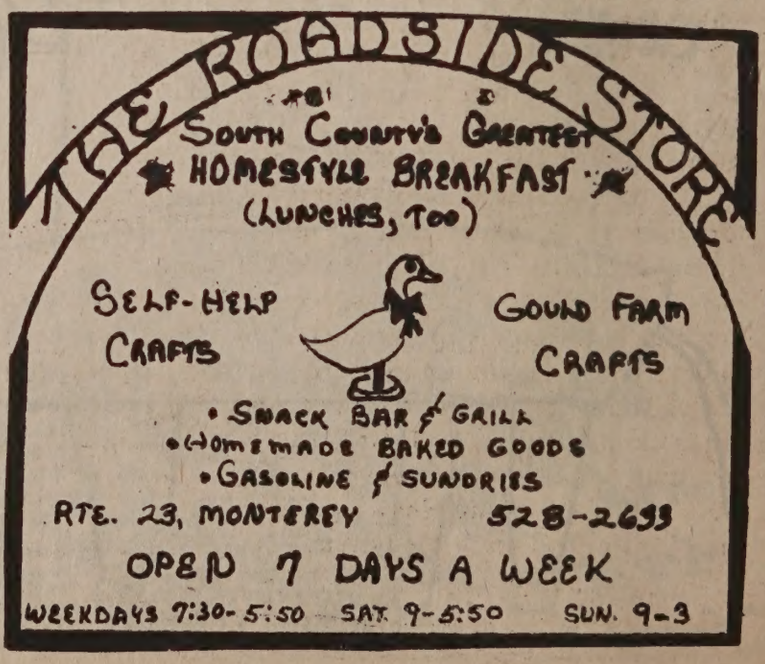

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In answer to the complaints of the Tuttles and Richard Westenburg as concerns the charge of $10 for additional vehicles using the Town Dump, I would like to submit the following.

First of all, it should be made clear that this charge was not dreamed up by the Solid Waste Committee and the Board of Selectmen to make life difficult for town residents. Finding an equitable arrangement isn't easy. (It may not be possible; it certainly isn't possible to please everyone.) During our sessions in trying to establish a good arrangement it soon became clear that if we charged a fee for each household, it would be nearly impossible to keep track of the numbers of cars in every household in town. That a sticker would have to be affixed to each vehicle using the facility was obvious. The simplest arrangement was to charge a small fee for each additional vehicle. We hoped that town residents would see this necessity and not object to helping the Town defray the enormous expenses of waste disposal in this small way.

The people who have not complained, as far as I know, and who I personally think have a right to, are the ones who may use the facility a half dozen times a year; who have learned the value of composting and paper burning (see last month's column "Wastelines," in the *Monterey News*) and for whom $35 represents a big bite. My hope is that eventually we can institute a user's fee; them that dump most, pay most.

Our current expense with Berkshire Cleanway, Inc., is between $80 and $100 thousand a year. Our revenue from the stickers, so far, is just about $20,000; a fifth of the expense.

It would be nice to see some community spirit here. Waste disposal is a nationwide problem with which each community must grapple as best it can. While our system isn't perfect, we don't think it is a particular hardship for most people, although it may well be a big one for some. I shouldn't think the most vociferous antagonists to the plan belong to the latter group.

— Joyce Scheffey
Monterey Solid Waste Committee

To the Editor:

Bravo for your letters to the editor from Joanne and Bob Tuttle re waste disposal in Monterey. I hope others who agree with her will write to your newsletter.

I am sick and tired of bearing the brunt of what appears to me to be negative feelings to those of us who do not have Monterey as our primary residence. During the month of August, when I was *not* in residence, and rented my home to two separate tenants, one for the first week of August and one for the next three weeks, I was forced to purchase *two* additional $10.00 stickers just for the month of August alone! This brings to $55.00 the cost of waste disposal to my home. Since I'm usually there only on weekends from May 15 through Labor Day, this seems an extraordinary cost. I'd rather see the load borne by *all* residents of this community by including this in our property taxes. This will be more equitable, as those who must frequently use your system, i.e., full-time residents, will pay their fair share. Show your good faith, and clear the air of any prejudices in the system.

Evelyn S. Chadwick
Lake Buel

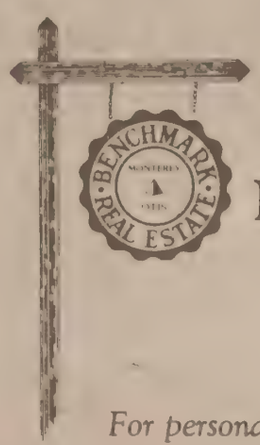
To the Editor:

My husband and I have had a home on Harmon Road since last September and have learned so much about Monterey from reading the *News*. Not only do we get a lot of the flavor of Monterey and its people but also such practical information as the fact that our neighbor, Roger Tryon, could sell us some trees for our property.

Having once lived in a town of almost 50,000 that didn't have a single local newspaper except advertisers' throwaways, we really appreciate the job you're doing and are pleased to send the enclosed contribution to the fund drive.

Sincerely,

Susan and Norman Ladov



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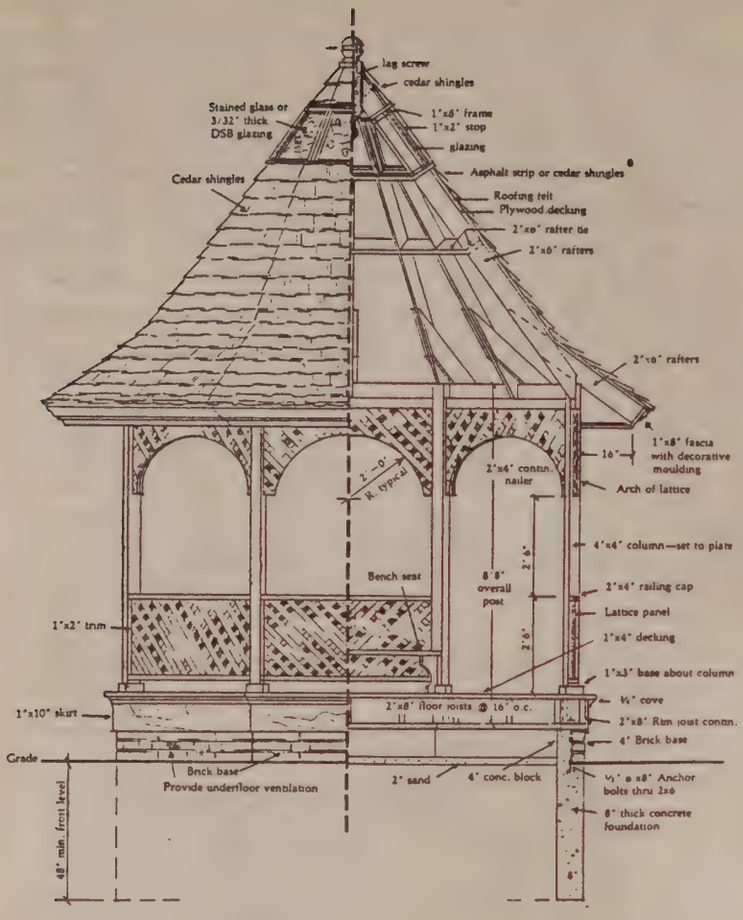

A SHORT REPORT FROM THE GAZEBO COMMITTEE

A Great Gazebo!

On Tuesday evening, November 3, Fran Amidon, Dek Tillett, and Tom Rosenthal of the Park Commission, plus Leonard Weber and Frank D'Amato from the Arts Council, met to consider possible designs for the volunteer gazebo project.

After looking through a book of 55 designs, discussing practical and aesthetic issues, and drawing chalk circles on the floor, we decided on the "Tiffany" pictured here. While it sounds a bit posh, it is a modest structure 13 feet in diameter and about 18 feet high.

Another meeting will be held Thursday evening, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town offices. Committee members and volunteers will be looking at the specifics of costs and a construction schedule. All interested parties are invited to attend.

— Frank D'Amato

MONTEREY LIBRARY: AMNESTY and CHILDREN'S FINES

Amnesty: During the month of December the Monterey Library will accept overdue books due before December 1, 1987, without charging a fine. This is the time to look under the bed, between the couch cushions, in the kids' room, under the car seat for those long-lost overdue books and return them without penalty. You don't even have to be embarrassed by giving them to a human: you may put them in the drop box outside the library's front door.

Children's books: Beginning in January 1988, the Monterey Library will fine holders of overdue children's books at the regular adult rate of 5¢ per day.

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The paper collection shed at the dump

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ROADS & MACHINERY COMMITTEE NOTICES

The Roads & Machinery Committee would like the citizens of Monterey to know that we have a full-time four-man Highway crew working this winter to keep the roads clear and as safe as possible. We will be putting up "Low Salt Usage Area" signs again to alert motorists to the fact that we are keeping salt usage to a minimum, for both environmental and budgetary reasons. We ask that the citizens of Monterey bear with us and drive carefully. With four vehicles and four men, the Highway crew will work as diligently as possible to keep the roads clear, but we have many roads to clear in Monterey, and we cannot get to all of them as quickly as we would like.

The following is a list of roads to be plowed by our Highway crew this winter. Categories are arranged by priority, but roads within each category are only listed alphabetically.

Category A: Primary *(always plowed through entire length)*

Route 57
Route 23

Category B: Secondary *(connector roads to other towns)*

Blue Hill Road
River Road
Sandisfield Road
Tyringham Road

Category C: Tertiary *(interior roads)*

Art School Road (plowed from Tyringham Road to The Manse)
Beartown Mountain Road (plowed from Tyringham Road to turnaround past LaGrant residence)
Bidwell Road (plowed entire length)
Brett Road (plowed from Route 23 to Blue Hill Road and from Blue Hill to Swann Lodge)
Carrington-Batelle Road (plowed from Art School Road to Buchar residence)
Chestnut Hill Road (plowed from Pearson residence to Chapman residence—past Hephzibah Heights)
Cronk Road (plowed to new Johnson residence—100 yards past intersection)
Eaton Road (plowed entire length)
Fairview Road (plowed from Route 23 to Tillett residence and from Beartown Road to Carlisle property)
Gould Road (closed from New Marlborough Road to just before Hastedt residence)
Griswold Road (plowed from Hupi Road to past Shuman residence)
Harmon Road (plowed to past last residence)
Hupi Road (plowed entire length)
Lovers Lane (plowed entire length)
Mount Hunger Road (plowed from Route 23 to Hanlon residence; closed from past Hanlon residence to Bronstein residence unless construction is begun)
New Marlborough Road (plowed to Bowles residence)
Swann Road (plowed from Roadside Store to past last residence)
Wallace Hall Road (closed from Sandisfield Road to Bowles residence)
Wellman Road (closed from past Scheffey residence to Gould Road)

— Rick Mielke
Chairman
Roads & Machinery Committee

SUSAN McALLESTER

Don Amstead, Highway Superintendent, replaces the bumpers on Keyes Corner

MONTEREY LAND TRUST NEWS

The Monterey Land Trust held its November meeting on November 17 at the home of Joyce and Lew Scheffey.

Members have been busy attending workshops and volunteering time for conservation projects. Lew Scheffey, Joyce Scheffey, Nick Hearon and Peter Vallianos attended a conference in Hartford, Connecticut, on November 7. Everyone returned with enthusiasm and new information regarding alternatives for individuals who wish to donate land, conserve land, lower taxes on property, etc. One workshop focused on economic alternatives for people who do not wish to subdivide property but need viable economic uses for the land. Another workshop focused on all the alternatives of conservation easements and yet another on land taxes and land conservation.

Chris Dunlop, Michael O'Connor and Roger Tryon attended a conference in Springfield, Massachusetts. This conference focused on what a town can do in the face of impending development, and those who attended returned with much information. Members attended workshops focusing on working with developers; the importance of mapping and growth impact studies of the town; and assisting Town boards in planning for the future. Everyone came away greatly concerned after learning of what has happened to other small New England towns in both Connecticut and Massachusetts due to overdevelopment and lack of planning.

Bob Rausch spent the week of November 1-7 volunteering for the Harvard Forest. This is a beautiful setting with 3,000 acres and is a forestry experiment station, a museum and a conference center. This preserve has dioramas which show the land as it has changed over the years.

The various committees of the board have been quite active in attending Town meetings, assisting local residents who wish to conserve land and who wish to provide affordable housing, and planning projects for the future (more information about those projects next month).

It has been a busy month for the Land Trust as for everyone in Monterey, and in between I hope everyone has had the opportunity to be in the natural beauty that is our town, whether it be covered with snow or warmed by a southern wind for a few rare Indian summer days in November.

— Nick Hearon

GUARDRAIL HEARING

Because of new information on the subject, a second public informational meeting was held by the Town on November 21 on the question of replacing highway guardrails. Ellsworth M. Sammet, the District Highway Engineer, has indicated in a letter to the Selectmen that a Federal Aid program will be available to the Town providing that a four-foot clearance is maintained from the edge of the travelway. This requirement, affecting Routes 23 and 57, would necessitate the removal of about ten trees, whereas an earlier proposal threatened over 100 trees and was unacceptable to the Town. Since the Federal Aid program would pay the entire cost of the guardrails and since only a few trees need to be removed, First Selectman Jed Lipsky recommended that we apply to the program, and the small group attending the hearing indicated unanimous approval.

MONTEREY LIBRARY NEEDS ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER

The Monterey Library is looking for an electric typewriter to replace its old, old manual. Anyone wishing to donate or sell an electric typewriter to the library should call 528-3795 during library hours: Monday, 7-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-noon; Wednesday, 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon and 7-9 p.m.m.

NOTES FROM THE MONTEREY POST OFFICE

Effective December 1, 1987, we will change the window hours to the following:

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The current mail schedule will not change. This is being done in an effort to improve service to our customers. Stop in on your way to work and buy stamps.

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LOUIS LEVINE

Louis Levine, 75, of Route 23, Monterey, died November 6 at Fairview Hospital. He was born in New York City on September 25, 1912, and spent his youth in Sandisfield and Great Barrington. He owned and operated a wholesale and retail meat business on State Road for many years and later established Bob's Clothing Store in Canaan, Connecticut, from which he retired in the late 1970s.

Mr. Levine was a member of Ahavath Sholem Synagogue in Great Barrington and of Hevreh of Southern Berkshire. He was also a member of Cincinnatus Lodge, AF&AM, and a former member of the Dairymen's League. He leaves his wife, the former Rosaline Anne Marian Weinberg; a daughter, Sandra Sossner of Kingston, New York; a stepdaughter, Lynn F. Weinberg of Pittsfield; five brothers, a sister and three grandchildren. The funeral was November 8 in Great Barrington, and memorial services were held November 8 at dusk at Jack Pevzner's home in Great Barrington and November 9 at Arnold Sossner's home in Kingston.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 3–December 16—Leonard Weber exhibit of paintings from the Hayloft Gallery. Library Atrium, Simon's Rock College, Great Barrington: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to midnight, Sat. and Sun. 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

Thursday, December 3—Gazebo Committee, 7:00 p.m., in the Town offices: public discussion of specifics of cost and construction schedule.

Friday, December 4—Boiler Room Reading: Ann Hood, novelist, will read two short stories. For information about time, admission, reservations or dinner beforehand, call 299-3105.

Mondays, December 7, 14, 21, 28—Bible Study Group at the Schulzes' on New Marlborough Road. Free of charge: sign up at General Store or call Karen Gottlieb-Schulze at 528-4052.

Wednesday, December 9—Community Supper celebrating both Thanksgiving and Christmas, 6:30 p.m., Church Social Room, potluck. There will be seasonal music and rejoicing with holiday foods as well.

Friday, December 11—Boiler Room Reading: Roberta Sillman, prize-winning novelist and short story writer, will read from work in progress. For details of arrangements see December 4, above.

Saturday, December 12—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults $4.00, children $1.00 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578. *No dance on the 26th because of the holidays!*

Friday, December 18—Boiler Room Reading: Lois Rose, Brimfield minister, will relate Celtic and other traditional tales. For details, see December 4, above.

Sunday, December 20—Fire Company annual children's Christmas party; 5:00 p.m. at the firehouse, for children in grade four and under. Highlights will include homemade refreshments, entertainment and a visit from Santa. Admission free.

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MONTEREY FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, December 20, the Monterey Fire Company will hold its second annual children's Christmas Party, at 5:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Santa will arrive to give out presents to children in grade four and under, but everyone in the community is invited. Homemade refreshments will be served, and there will be entertainment, too. Please come!
P. S.: Admission is free.

AD RATES

One-inch classified ads (1″ x 3⅝″)	$ 2.50
Two-inch busines cards (2″ x 3⅝″)	5.00
Three-inch ad (3″ x 3⅝″)	7.50
Four-inch ad (4″ x 3⅝″)	10.00

Back cover ads are double the above prices. No classifieds on the back cover. Copy should reach the editor by the 20th of the month before publication. In general, we cannot run letters more than one column in length.

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